



Area streets to close temporarily for Saturday's Kansas City Marathon

KANSAS CITY, MO, October 16, 2012 – An estimated 12,000 runners are expected to take to the streets of Kansas City on Saturday, October 20, as part of the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon, with Ivy Funds. Benefitting the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Children's Mercy Hospital, this major community event also includes a marathon team relay, half marathon, five-kilometer run, and 1.2-mile "kids' marathon."

To ensure runner safety, the course will close at 7:00 a.m. (see attached map for details). Police and race officials will allow traffic to cross the course until runners approach affected intersections and as breaks between participants warrant. All roads will reopen at approximately 1:00 p.m.

In addition, Washington Square Park in downtown Kansas City will close at 3:00 a.m. Saturday morning for setup of the Finish Line Festival. Please be aware that any cars parked overnight Friday along Pershing and Grand streets will be towed. Parking is available at the Crown Center parking garage.

Race officials from the Kansas City Sports Commission encourage Kansas Citians to come out and support one of the fastest-growing marathons in the United States. The 26.2-mile marathon course offers many opportunities for local residents to cheer on participants, including Washington Square Park, where all races start and finish.

On behalf of the 12,000 participants representing 45 states and six nations, the Kansas City Sports Commission thanks the Kansas City community for their continuing support of the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon, with Ivy Funds!

About the Kansas City Sports Commission

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation benefits the Kansas City region through sports by creating, attracting and managing major sporting events for Kansas City. And, promote the lifetime benefits of sports for youth through educational initiatives, tournaments and clinics.

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